



Applying on the Grounds of Mature Years

Medicine DN400

Apply to CAO by 1 February	Apply for HPAT – Ireland Assessment by 20 January
www.cao.ie	www.hpat-ireland.acer.edu.au
<i>N.B. You will need your CAO application number to apply for HPAT – Ireland. In order to receive your CAO application number in time you should complete your CAO application online.</i>	

**N.B. All previous attendance in an undergraduate degree programme must be declared on the CAO application.
Applicants who have been unsuccessful in any Medicine programme will not normally be accepted onto a Medicine programme in UCD.**

Entry Procedure:

Mature Entry to Medicine (DN400) is primarily targeted at applicants who do not hold a Level 8 Honours undergraduate degree (or equivalent). Initial shortlisting will be based on these criteria.

Eligible applicants will be ranked on the basis of their performance in the HPAT Ireland assessment.

The top performing applicants will then be assessed on the basis of the written application and further shortlisted for interview.

Successful applicants are then selected on the basis of their performance at the interview.

HPAT-Ireland and Academic Ability

The HPAT-Ireland score is a mandatory criterion to be used as part of the selection process.

The assessment is designed to allow you to demonstrate your logical reasoning and problem solving skills as well as non-verbal reasoning and the ability to understand the thoughts, behaviour and/or intentions of people. The assessment takes 2½ hours.

**The only sitting of the HPAT-Ireland will take place on 25 February 2017.
There will be no alternative assessment date.**

Further information on the HPAT-Ireland assessment is available on the [UCD Mature Applicants website](#).

Please ensure that you read this information carefully before making your application.



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Other evidence of academic ability as displayed by final school leaving examinations and/or other assessed courses or examinations (such as post leaving certificate courses) undertaken may also be taken into account.

You must enclose copies of official results and transcripts (not the award certificate), where appropriate, with the CAO application.

Work Experience, Personal and Professional Development

Applicants should provide:

- details of relevant work experience and progress in your existing career.
Significant progress in existing career is a requirement.
- evidence of continuing professional development and/or relevant courses you have undertaken.

Motivation and Interest

A Personal Statement of commitment should be included explaining:

- your reasons/motivation for wishing to undertake a Medicine degree;
- the degree's potential contribution to your plans for the future;
- your ability to work independently and to display initiative;
- your interpersonal abilities and communication skills;
- your insight into patient care and knowledge of healthcare issues;
- your educational development and achievements;
- your contribution to humanity at personal, family or community level;
- other information which is relevant to your application.

A Personal Statement Template is available at www.ucd.ie/maturestudents

References

Applications must be supported by at least two letters of recommendation.

N.B. Applicants who qualify to apply for Graduate Entry to Medicine (DN401) will not be considered for entry as Mature Students.

N.B. Applicants who hold a Level 8 Honours undergraduate degree (or equivalent) but who do not qualify for Graduate Entry to Medicine (DN401) may be considered for entry on the grounds of mature years if places remain following assessment of eligible applicants (as outlined above).